

Peterborough Astronomical Association  
October 3, 2025 7:00 pm  
Monthly Meeting Riverview Zoo & Zoom

1. **Welcome** - Peter Curley
2. **Introduction/Acknowledgment of Guests & New PAA Members**  
Peter introduced guests. Brett welcomed new member Debra Oxford.
3. **Amendments & Approval of Agenda**  
Dave motioned for approval of agenda; seconded by Rodger. Approved.
4. **Amendments & Approval of Minutes of last meeting**  
Dave motioned for approval of minutes; seconded by Nick. Approved.
5. **Membership Report** - Dave Mills  
Dave reported we have one new member this month. Membership renewals are now open for 2026.
6. **Announcements**  
Peter reported that the Secretary and Librarian positions need to be filled.  
The PAA is looking for a new venue as we have no definitive answers from the zoo as to the future.
7. **Unfinished/Old Business/Directors Report** RASC calendars and observers handbooks.  
Rick indicated we have reached the minimum threshold for the calendars and all orders are COD.
8. **Presentation - Brett Cohen from The Interstellar Collection - Meteorites 101**  
Brett works in the planetary sciences field, curating and selling genuine meteorites to universities, museums, at trade shows and to collectors. He is a member of the IMCA, The Global Meteorite Association, The Meteorite Club, and Strewnify. He began collecting meteorites at a young age, which led to trading with collectors and connecting with scientists. Brett's presentation covered meteorites beginnings to how we find them along with some of his samples.
9. **New Business**
10. **Members News Items**  
Brett thanked volunteers who came to Warsaw Caves.
11. **Gadget Corner/Telescope Topics:** Seestar with EQ mode  
Rodger did a presentation on using a Seestar in equatorial mode and the results are phenomenal. To put a Seestar in EQ mode Rodger used a Skywatcher wedge.
12. **The Sky this Month** - Dave Mills  
There is a new comet C/2025 Lemmon which will be visible in the northwest.
13. **Coming Observing Sessions** - Dianne Denton  
Peter reported October 4 is International Observe the Moon night at Harold Town; on October 8 Cawthra Park Secondary School at Warsaw Caves; on October 15 observing the night with the Peterborough Cub Scouts at Harold Town.
14. **Presentation at next meeting** - Amy Oliver, Centre for Astrophysics - Tour of Fred L Whipple Observatory
15. **Next meeting:** November 7, 2025

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 pm  
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